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Senate Bill No. 444

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist. and SEN. SOMERS of the 18th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH CARE CABINET TO
RECOMMEND METHODS TO STUDY AND REPORT ON TOTAL
STATE-WIDE HEALTH CARE SPENDING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 19a-725 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2017*):

4 (c) The Health Care Cabinet shall advise the Governor regarding the
5 development of an integrated health care system for Connecticut and
6 shall:

7 (1) Evaluate the means of ensuring an adequate health care
8 workforce in the state;

9 (2) Jointly evaluate, with the chief executive officer of the
10 Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, the feasibility of
11 implementing a basic health program option as set forth in Section

12 1331 of the Affordable Care Act;

13 (3) Identify short and long-range opportunities, issues and gaps
14 created by the enactment of federal health care reform;

15 (4) Review the effectiveness of delivery system reforms and other
16 efforts to control health care costs, including, but not limited to,
17 reforms and efforts implemented by state agencies; and

18 (5) Advise the Governor on matters relating to: (A) The design,
19 implementation, actionable objectives and evaluation of state and
20 federal health care policies, priorities and objectives relating to the
21 state's efforts to improve access to health care, [and] (B) the quality of
22 such care and the affordability and sustainability of the state's health
23 care system, and (C) total state-wide health care spending, including
24 methods to collect, analyze and report health care spending data.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	19a-725(c)

PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill requires the state's Health Care Cabinet to advise the governor on total state-wide health care spending, including methods to collect, analyze, and report health care spending data. There is no fiscal impact as the Health Care Cabinet and the Office of Health Strategy have the necessary expertise to handle the bill's requirements.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

Sources: Office of the Lieutenant Governor

OLR Bill Analysis**SB00444*****AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH CARE CABINET TO RECOMMEND METHODS TO STUDY AND REPORT ON TOTAL STATE-WIDE HEALTH CARE SPENDING.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the state's Health Care Cabinet to advise the governor on total statewide health care spending, including methods to collect, analyze, and report health care spending data. Existing law already requires the cabinet to advise the governor on the:

1. design, implementation, actionable objectives and evaluation of state and federal health care policies, priorities, and objectives related to Connecticut's efforts to improve health care access;
2. quality of such care; and
3. affordability and sustainability of the state's health care system.

By law, the cabinet is within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. It advises the governor on the development of an integrated health care system for Connecticut.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/24/2017)